GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TRIBAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:70
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LITERACY RATE
CHINTAMAN NAVSHA WANAGA

Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have ordered for any country-wide study on the progress of literacy among SC/ST women;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the date on which the last study was made;

(c) whether the Government propose to lunch any special scheme in tribal areas for raising literacy rate of SC/ST women in future;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JUAL ORAM)

(a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c),(d)&(e) As per the last census, 134 districts of the country had been identified where the literacy rate among ST women was less than 10%. Therefore, to improve the situation a scheme called `Educational Complex in Low Literacy Pockets forDevelopment of Women Literacy in Tribal Areas` has been introduced since 1993- 94 for these Districts for improvement of women literacy in Tribal areas. This scheme in still in operation. Besides this some other schemes e.g. Girls Hostels forSTs, Ashram Schools in Tribal Sub Plan Areas, Residential Schools for STs, Non- Residential Schools for STs are also being implemented.